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This directive states the mission, defines the command structure, and establishes the responsibilities of the Air Force Operations Group (AFOG).

SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document is substantially revised and must be completely reviewed.

1. Mission. The AFOG collects, processes, analyzes, and communicates information enabling situational awareness of current USAF operations world-wide. This awareness facilitates timely, responsive, and effective decision-making by senior USAF leaders and supported combatant commanders. The AFOG provides command and control guidance to USAF units world-wide. The AFOG serves and supports the CSAF with a responsive integrated Crisis Action Team (CAT) during national emergencies, by providing operations briefings, monitoring current events, and coordinating AF support for Joint Operations. The AFOG is a Field Operating Agency (FOA) assigned to the HQ USAF.

2. Command. The AFOG Commander:

- 2.1. Operates under the policies prescribed by the CSAF.
- 2.2. Reports directly to HQ USAF/A3O-A, Director of Air Operations.

2.3. Commands personnel assigned to the AFOG.

2.4. Supports senior leadership by providing daily operations briefings and a summary of USAF operations worldwide.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. **The AFOG Commander.** Leads the Command, Control, and Communications (C3) Division; the Current Operations Division (COD); the Weather Operations Division; Aerial Events Division; Operational Readiness Division; Special Project Division; and the 1C3X1 Air Force Career Field Manager.

3.2. The C3 Division.

3.2.1. Operates the Air Force Service Watch Cell (AFSWC).

3.2.2. Develops and disseminates USAF Emergency Actions Messages in response to Joint Staff Actions.

3.2.3. Tracks movement of key government and military leaders when traveling aboard USAF aircraft.

3.2.4. Provides instructions and guidance on C3 structure and operational reporting.

3.2.5. Ensures continuous, uninterrupted C3 operations.

3.2.6. Maintains the Air Force Emergency Operations Center, a division of the Air Force Emergency Relocation Site at Site R, Ft. Detrick, MD.

3.2.7. Develops AF CAT policy and procedures and trains selected officers and noncommissioned officers to support the AF CAT and when required.

3.2.8. Provides augmentation to the Joint Staff.

3.2.9. Provides initial and recurring training to Air Force Duty Officers and Emergency Actions Controllers.

3.2.10. Selects topics, researches and analyzes data, and determines the most effective presentation method to present a daily operations briefing to the A3O (Director of Operations), A3/5 (Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations, Plans and Requirements), CSAF, and SECAF.

3.2.11. Prepares current operations and special interest briefings as required for various domestic and foreign dignitaries.

3.2.12. Advises the commander on communications and computer systems capabilities.

3.3. **The COD.** A 24-hour operation whose interface with the JS, AFSWC, MAJCOMs, other Services, and other governmental agencies supports the Department of the Air Force.

3.3.1. Formulates and presents USAF positions to the JS and others on JCS actions relating to crisis management and deployment and redeployment of all AF and DoD assets.

3.3.2. Acts as the Air Staff POC for coordination among Office of the Secretary of Defense (OSD), SECAF, JS, Combatant Commanders, Services, other DoD agencies, the

Department of State, and other civilian agencies for worldwide planning in response to regional crises and contingency response.

3.3.3. Acts as the focal point for CSAF and DCS Operations, Plans and Requirements for USAF compartmented plans, assessments, and courses of action for current operations worldwide.

3.4. The Weather Operations Division. Provides worldwide weather support to the President, Vice President, members of Congress, Secretary of State, Secretary of Defense, senior DoD officials, the Joint Staff, NMCC, Joint Reconnaissance Center, Defense Intelligence Agency, HQ USAF, HQ US Army, AFSWC, Army Operations Center, Site R, and Camp David.

3.5. The Aerial Events Division. Serves as the program manager for funeral/memorial flyovers and the USAF aerial events program.

3.5.1. Establishes and implements policy and guidance for USAF participation in aerial events.

3.5.2. Through close liaison with SAF/PA, SAF/LL, and MAJCOM Aerial Events Coordinators, actively supports USAF participation in community relations events requiring air assets.

3.5.3. Supports USAF participation in foreign air and trade shows in coordination with SAF/IA.

3.6. The Operational Readiness Division. Responsible for Air Force readiness policy and data which is used by the Chief of Staff United States Air Force (CSAF) and subordinate commanders in assessing their effectiveness in meeting Title 10, "*United States Code*," responsibilities to organize, train, and equip forces for combatant commands.

3.6.1. Responsible for AFI 10-201, Status of Resources and Training System (SORTS).

3.6.2. Responsible for the Air Force's implementation of the Defense Readiness Reporting System (DRRS).

3.6.3. Develops and maintains the Air Force Universal Task List and the Air Force Core Unit METLs allowing the Air Force to report capability-based readiness.

3.6.4. Responsible for AFI 10-244 Reporting Status of Aerospace Expeditionary Forces which regulates the use of the AEF Unit Type Code (UTC) Reporting Tool (ART).

3.6.5. Responsible for the Predictive Readiness Assessment (PRAS).

3.6.6. Provides Air Force readiness data to the Joint Staff and the OSD on a quarterly basis.

3.7. The Special Programs Division. This Division is the central office for Air Force operational special capabilities.

3.7.1. Represents the AF to the Joint Staff's Integrated Joint Special Technical Operations process where they are responsible to the CSAF for joint integration of AF capabilities.

3.7.2. Manages the CSAF's COAL WARFIGHTER process, providing key warfighters access to special capabilities in support of education, training, planning, and execution.

3.8. **The 1C3X1 Air Force Career Field Manager.** Develops AF command post policy and procedures.

3.8.1. Develops and maintains the Air Force Manpower Standard for unit command posts and MAJCOM command centers.

3.8.2. Hosts Utilization and Training Workshops to develop the career field training standards taught by AETC.

3.8.3. Develops the 1C3X1 Career Field Education and Training Plan and manages career field progression policies.

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